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Reds Seek Prestige In Arrests - CIA

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Washington — A charge that the Communists planned the arrest of Reps. Harold C. Ostertag (R-N. Y.) and Edward P. Malley (D-Mass.) in East Berlin last November was made by Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The congressmen, with Mrs. Ostertag and a military escort, were seized by the Reds and held for several hours.

Mr. Dulles, replying to a question by Mr. Ostertag in a TV interview Sunday, declared:

"From time to time they want to show that in East Berlin they're going to exercise firm control. They probably highlighted it there. If they could arrest some American congressmen, that showed we're going to exercise power and control in this area."

Mr. Dulles explained the Reds are trying to build up a counterpoise in East Germany to West Germany "the showcase of the free world."

"Here's the free world working. You contrast the marvelous economic, industrial and overall situation of West Germany and West Berlin with the East—that is the greatest contrast of the slave type of life and the free type of life. And they don't like that."